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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. of: Toshihiko OBA

Appln. No.: 09/673,360

Filed: October 16, 2000

For: SPEECH TRANSFORMATION  
METHOD AND APPARATUS

Examiner: NOLAN, Daniel A.

Art Unit: 2654

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**TRANSMITTAL**

Sir:

**Attached is/are:**

- ☒ 18 Pages of Amendment, Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, Copy of Japanese Office Action, 1 Cited Reference, Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (in dup.), Check for \$490
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

**Fee calculation:**

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☒ Small Entity.
- ☒ An extension fee in an amount of \$490 for a 3-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_\_).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$9=			x \$18=	
Indep.		Minus			x 44=			x \$88=	
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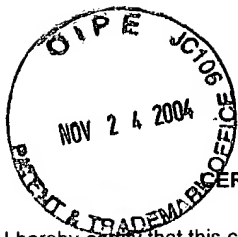
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$490 to cover the above-identified fee(s) is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Tadashi Horie  
Tadashi Horie (Reg. No. 40,437)

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response the Office Action mailed May 25, 2004, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks: